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Palace warns big business

'If you want a fight, we'll set the BIR loose on you'

APPARENTLY STUNG BY calls from big business for two senior government officials to resign, an official in President Macapagal-Arroyo's Cabinet has warned members of the influential Makati Business Club that the government would send its tax investigators after them, an MBC official said yesterday.



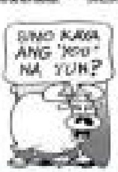
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Big anti-GMA protest slated today in Makati

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Calls mounting for GMA, Neri, Atienza to quit

ZTE breaks silence, decries 'political circus'

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Speak up, JDV urges Neri

Solon seeks probe of TV blackout of ex-Speaker's privilege speech

By [illegible] and TJ Burgonio

PANGASINAN REP. JOSE DE Venecia told Commission on Higher Education chair Romulo Neri to "complete the picture of corruption" he supposedly started to paint when Neri first went to the Senate to testify on the allegedly anomalous ZTE-NBN deal.

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'Feng shui' threw him out of office, Apostol claims

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US grant to help modernize Pagasa

By Cynthia Balana

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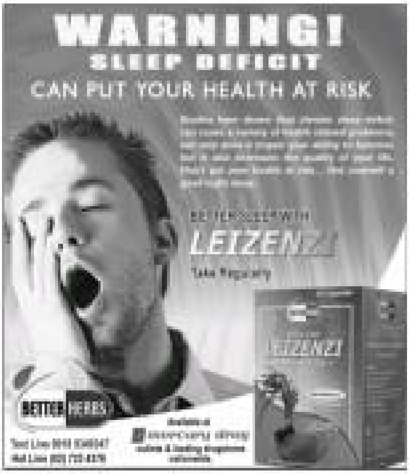
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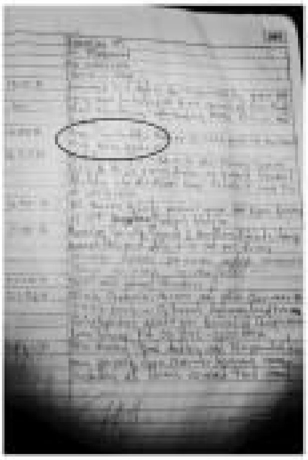
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THE TRUTH IS IN THE DETAILS

PSG men boarded Altis



Reenactment

Toilet call



NATURE LOVE FEST. 150 couples, 10 of them members of Palawan's Batak tribe, including the couple kissing below, trudge through a mangrove with Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn for a mass wedding cum environmental celebration on Valentine's Day. Hagedorn officiated at the wedding whose sponsors were Sen. Loren Legarda, the ABS-CBN Foundation's Gina Lopez and Netherlands Ambassador Robert Bless.



8 of 10 Pinoys want GMA out, says Ibon poll

By Marlon Ramos

NEARLY 80 PERCENT OF FILIPINOS want President Macapagal-Arroyo to step down from Malacañang, according to the results of a nationwide survey done by the IBON Foundation Inc.

According to the survey which was released yesterday, 1,123 out of 1,503 respondents, or 77.56 percent, were aware that Catholic bishops and religious organizations have sought the resignation of Ms Arroyo because of the controversies dogging her administration.

When asked if they agreed with the calls for the President's resignation, 877 out of the 1,123 respondents who were aware of the "GMA resign campaign," or 77.4 percent, answered yes.

Ibon said the study was conducted from Jan. 7 to Jan. 14 and claimed it had a margin of error of plus or minus three percent.

Rhea Vida Padilla, head of Ibon's media department, said the survey was part of the organization's periodic study for the fourth quarter of 2007.

Rosario Bella Guzman, Ibon executive editor, said the two questions were contained in an 18-question survey.

She said the respondents were from major cities and towns around the country.

Aside from questions that sought to elicit those in favor of Ms Arroyo's resignation, the survey also asked for the respondents' opinion on certain political issues like "Charter change," reports of congressmen and governors being bribed, the President's performance and the controversial Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement.

The respondents were also asked about their views regarding political killings.

"It also solicited the people's opinions on economic issues involving employment and livelihood. It sought the respondents' views on the allegations of election cheating and corruption in government," Guzman said.

Guzman said Ibon would release a full report of the survey results in the next few days.

Guzman said since 2006, Ibon surveys had been showing that Arroyo's performance and approval ratings were dropping.

"They also showed that more and more Filipinos support her ouster," she said.

Palace warns big business

Not intimidated

Political storm

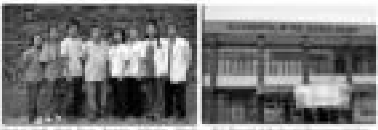
Premature



US envoy: Pinoys have right to air protests

By Cynthia D. Balana

Complicated but healthy







FEELING LOVED Its happens on Valentine's Day when Lozada goes to the Court of Appeals to seek protection through the writ of amparo. He's met with expressions of love from court employees.



PHOTO OP Lozada now knows how it feels to be a star. Court employees rush out to shake his hand, have their pictures taken with him and generally ogle him. Lozada tells the media he loves them.

CA hears Lozada plea for Amparo

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ing the hearing on his petitions for a writ of habeas corpus and a writ of amparo filed on Wednesday following his abduction on his return from Hong Kong.

The court set another hearing on Feb. 21 to allow the cross-examination of three witnesses called to support the plea for the issuance of the writ of amparo—a measure adopted by the Judiciary last year to provide relief to victims of extrajudicial executions.

'We love you'

Screams of "We love you, Jun" pierced the air as Lozada left the room.

Lozada is currently under the protection of the Senate, which is conducting an inquiry into the National Broadband Network (NBN) project with China's ZTE Corp. (See related story on Page A1.)

He said his abduction last week had led him to believe that there was a threat on his life. He said that he was told by his captors that they knew where his children were and where they went to Church.

Asked by reporters where the threat was coming from, Lozada said in Filipino: "I won't say it. You probably know it. (Filipinos are smart. You know who is telling the truth and who is not.)"

He also called on the public not to let his testimony and sacrifices go to waste by just forgetting what he had revealed.

Tears not for naught

"My plea to you is: Do not waste my sacrifice. You will be the ones who will give value to what I did. If after all of this, it amounts to nothing, you neglect it, then it is worthless. But because you saw who is lying and who is not, and you took action, then all of my efforts, sacrifice and tears would not be for naught," he told reporters.

During the hearing, Justice [illegible] said the protection order that Lozada was seeking could go against the authority of the Senate which had taken Lozada under its custody.

Lozada's lawyer, Reynaldo Princesa, replied that he was worried about what would happen to his client after the Senate investigation. He added that the request for the protection order from the court was supposed to be a contingency plan.

Not for future events

Justice Celia Librea-Leagogo pointed out that the rules of the writ of amparo did not speak of contingencies. She said that the protection being sought was not urgent because Lozada was at present under Senate custody.

"The court acts on justiciable controversies. We don't act on future events," she said.

The justice also pointed out that the Supreme Court had not yet come out with a list of accredited institutions that would provide protection to those seeking it under the writ of amparo.

But Princesa said Lozada could support an institution, but not in open court because he did not want to reveal its location to the public.

The court dismissed the petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by Lozada's wife, saying the issue had become moot and academic after Lozada was released by his abductors.

Activists serenade Neri at home

By Jerome Aning

Cupid runs after Neri

Calls mounting for GMA …

Litany of cases

Is it time?

Calls for Atienza to resign 'premature,' says mining group

Cowardly bureaucrat

Rally in Makati

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Not whole truth

Truth centers



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LOZADA

What death threat? Abalos says Lozada a frequent visitor at Wack Wack

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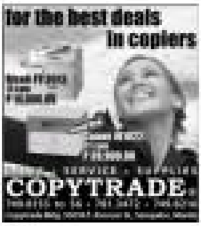
















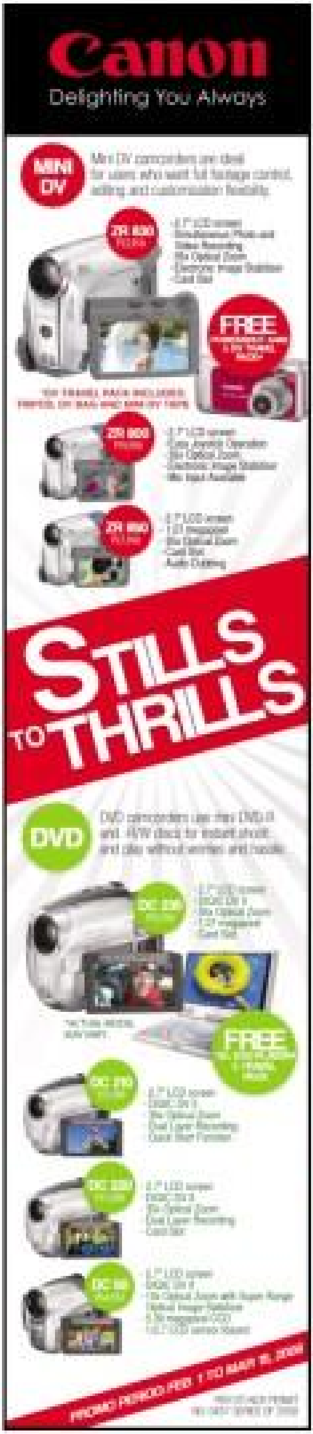
XFM goes fresh and quirky with JUNO











Bongbong's testimony worthless, hearsay, says Lucio Tan lawyer

By Jocelyn R. Uy

'Hot money' outflow hit $237M in January

By Doris C. Dumlao

Jamby to file case vs execs on Lozada





Siblings won't appeal DOJ estafa findings, will fight raps in court instead

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OPINION

Checkmated bishops

EDITORIAL

NOW THAT RODOLFO LOZADA JR. HAS PRIED fully open the can of worms that is the ZTE-NBN deal, it should be clear to everyone that the whole thing is not a lone, sordid attempt at wholesale corruption by the highest authorities in government. Even worse, that it has turned into another episode in the otherwise ambitious but notorious attempt by the Arroyo administration to undermine constitutional democracy, which started with President Macapagal-Arroyo's highly dubious election in 2004.

Because Ms Arroyo's legitimacy has been placed more and more in severe constitutional doubt, the administration has become more and more constitutionally reckless—undermining civil liberties, banning executive officials from cooperating with congressional inquiries, handing out bags containing hundreds of thousands of pesos to local executives (God knows where Malacañang gets all that money), inventing nonexistent government items or positions to which she can appoint her supporters to appease and flatter them, and compromising civilian supremacy by appointing loyal military officers to civilian posts.

All these instances of constitutional affront may be traced to her appointment of Benjamin Abalos as chair of the Commission on Elections in 2002, as the nation geared up for what has turned out to be a much-discredited 2004 presidential election. And now Abalos finds himself deeply enmeshed in a scandal involving what seems to be a grossly overpriced multimillion-dollar communications deal.

So should we wonder why the President's men would go all-out to keep Lozada from testifying at the Senate hearing on the ZTE-NBN deal?

If the administration has become a constitutional wrecking crew, then what should people of conscience do?

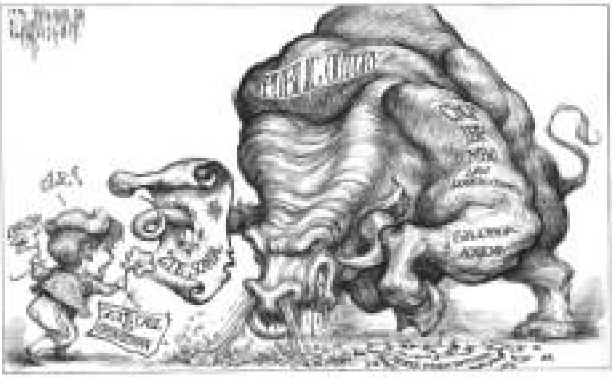
If there's any sector that should have the intellectual sophistication and moral conviction to make clear to the populace what should be done, it should be the Catholic bishops.

But what do we hear from the bishops? Right after nuns and other religious bravely shielded Lozada from the minions of the state, all that the bishops did was to hail Lozada, saying he could save the government from "scandalous and immoral kickbacks." Could there be anything more lame and shallow than that? Worse, Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, commended disgraced Speaker Jose de Venecia for lashing out at the government that the latter himself had propped up. Lozada at least pleaded "mea culpa" to his transgressions as a government official; his confession was an intrinsic part of his remorse and his resolution to come clean and tell the truth. But has De Venecia even dropped by the confessional box? By now the bishops should have appreciated that the ZTE issue, more than just another instance of corruption, is an episode in a vast tapestry of abuse of power, constitutional deception and subversion—a stark evil right in the corridors of power.

But still the bishops hem and haw, even deny they have the duty to lead the people. An instance of this is Bishop Francisco Claver's revisionism of Jaime Cardinal Sin, the bishops and people power. He wrote on Feb. 13 in this section: "(Sin) wasn't the real decision-maker for (the) occurrence (of Edsa I and II) . . . the real kingmakers are not the bishops but the people."

Claver's argument is platitudinous, if not misplaced. It overlooks the fact that in the long dark years of the Marcos dictatorship, it was Sin who boldly spoke out against the strongman and his depredations, even without the people visibly or resonantly protesting. Edsa I came to pass because of the activism of Sin and later, of the bishops, who knocked the critical mass. The people may not be marching in the streets now, but it is because they're waiting for the clarion call of the bishops.

But the bishops seem to have jettisoned their moral and pastoral duty. They've become spiritual and moral illiterates. They seem unable to read the signs of the times. Perhaps checkmated by their own prudence and discretion, they're now inspired less by the Holy Spirit and more by moral stasis. Worse, they seem to have made themselves a party to the grand constitutional larceny. Perhaps Lozada was referring to them when he quoted St. Thomas Aquinas freely: "The worst corruption is the corruption of the best."



Gov't scaring press and potential whistle-blowers

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

BECAUSE IT EXPOSES ABUSES COMMITTED against citizens, the press is a sore stumbling block to any oppressive government. [illegible]

The Empress strikes back

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

A GROUP CALLING ITSELF KONSENSIYA NG Maharlika purchased a whole page of ads [illegible]

Lozada and Quintero

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Awakening the 'middle forces'

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PAF too

Singing with Carpenter 'saves the day' for GMA

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Breather

Ceasefire

Some PMA mistahs calling on Razon to resign post

GMA slay plot bared; PMA visit canceled

Found in parking lot

Security guard

Doubts cast

Monitoring GMA's movements

Verifying the threat

'It's real'

Across the NATION

General held responsible for massacre

ARMM governor tells RP, US execs: Consult us on war games

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) in Western Mindanao said the military commander in Sulu was responsible for the Feb. 4 massacre in Maimbung town, where at least eight people—including two children and a pregnant woman—were killed.

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THE STAGE is set for opposition to war games in Lanao del Sur.

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Panlilio asks SC: Stop Comelec recount



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo, close friend of Lilia Pineda, gestures to a guest near Panlilio during the centennial celebration of the Pampanga High School in San Fernando, Pampanga.

Investments in PhilRice worth it, says study



Prosecutor junks Pineda libel charge vs Inquirer

Former mayors clash at city hall over rally permit

Antismuggling czar angered by move to abolish PASG

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139 couples wed in mass civil rites

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COA finds no scam in People's Park

■ TACLOBAN CITY

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THIRST FOR LAND

NGOs slam campaign to link anticoal protests with Reds

JDV wife hurt by Baby A kid's vote

"I'm sure she is now being bothered by her conscience..."



SMART
THE POWER TO LEAD

A plus METRO



FLOWERS FOR YOU

Emergency response team to roam Metro

By Julie M. Aurelio



Palace won't stop 60-day suspension of Cuerpo

TRO bid to ban arrest of journalists during crisis periods denied

By Julie M. Aurelio



DID YOU KNOW

Pastor, wife killed, 5 others hurt in 3 QC road mishaps

Livestock, veggies as Valentine's Day gifts

2 men nabbed for car theft

Shell to appeal SC ruling on oil depot

4 teeners face slay charges

Clinton slipping among white, women, working-class supporters, polls show

WASHINGTON—HILLARY RODham Clinton's crushing losses in Maryland and Virginia highlight an erosion in what had been solid advantages among women, whites and older and working-class voters.

While this week's results can be explained by those states' relatively large numbers of blacks and well-educated residents, who tend to be Barack Obama supporters, her presidential campaign could be doomed if the trends should continue.

Clinton is holding on to some of her supporters who are largely defined by race and often by level of education, such as low-income white workers and older white women, exit polls of voters show. She has been losing others to Obama, again mapped by personal characteristics, such as blacks, men and young people both black and white, and better educated whites.

The latest defeats have slowed the one-time favorite's political momentum at a bad time. With Obama winning eight consecutive contests and easily outdistancing her in raising money, she must now reclaim three weeks until primaries in Texas and Ohio that she hopes will resurrect her campaign.

Clinton's losses also have enabled Obama to take a slight lead in their crucial fight for convention delegates. With 2,025 needed to clinch the nomination at the party's gathering in August, Obama has 1,224 delegates to Clinton's 1,198, according to the latest count by The Associated Press.

Before this year's presidential contests began, Obama was running consistently behind his rival in the polls. The Illinois senator was mostly attracting upper-income white people, young people and about half of black voters—resembling the coalitions that sealed defeat for past reformist, liberal Democratic candidates such as Gary Hart and Bill Bradley.

The situation has changed since voting began, especially after bitter exchanges during the Clinton-Obama contest in South Carolina highlighted their racial differences and, subsequently, because Sen. John Edwards exited the race.

Now, virtually all blacks support Obama, significant since they make up about a fifth of Democratic voters overall.

And while last year's polls showed Clinton leading among men, Obama now leads her among males by 12 percentage points, according to exit polls of voters in 20 competitive Democratic primaries.

Before Tuesday's voting, the one ... among white males this year Obama defeated her among that group by 18 percentage points in Virginia, ... in a Southern state, and they divided white men about equally in Maryland. AP



CLINTON AP

Korean phones measure passion

SEOUL—VALENTINE'S DAY IN SOUTH Korea means chocolates, romantic dinners and a high-tech mobile phone device that can covertly check the passion in the voice of a lover.

The "Love Detector" service from mobile operator KTF uses technology that is supposed to analyse voice patterns to see if a lover is speaking honestly and with affection.

"We created this service because we thought people would want to know what others were feeling about them," said Ahn Hee-jung, a KTF official.

Users who speak by pointing their mobile phones at themselves for video-conferences can see a "love meter" bar on the screen of their handset during a conversation.

They later receive an analysis of the conversation delivered through text message that breaks down the amount of affection, surprise, concentration and honesty of the other speaker.

The service costs subscribers a flat fee of 1,000 won (US$1) a month for unlimited use or can be accessed at 300 won for each call, KTF said.

"The caller is paying the money, so the information is provided only to him or her," said Ahn. Reuters

Michelle Obama plays pivotal role in campaign



OBAMA AP

CHICAGO—THERE IS NO CONfusing Michelle Obama for her husband on the campaign trail.

Asked at the Democratic debate in Los Angeles whether he would pick Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton as a vice presidential running mate, Sen. Barack Obama said she "would be on anybody's short list."

But when a television interviewer asked Mrs. Obama last week whether she would support Clinton, if she won the nomination, Mrs. Obama was far less generous.

"I'd have to think about that," Mrs. Obama said on "Good Morning America" on ABC. "I'd have to think about—policies, her approach, her tone."

Outspoken, strong-willed, funny, gutsy and sometimes sarcastic, Michelle Obama is playing a pivotal role in her husband's campaign as it builds on a series of successes, including a sweep on Tuesday of contests in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Her personal style, forthright, comfortable in the crowds and often more blunt than Mr. Obama—plays well with many voters and has given the campaign a tougher edge while allowing Mr. Obama to stay largely above it all.

"I am trying to be as authentically me as I can be," Mrs. Obama said in an interview. "My statements are coming from my experiences and my observations and my frustrations."

Mrs. Obama says she dislikes politics—she insists there will be no second run for the presidency if her husband falls short this time—but relishes a good fight, the competition of it all.

At almost 6 feet tall in heels, Mrs. Obama, 44, cuts an athletic and authoritative figure in her tailored pantsuits and skirts. A Harvard-educated lawyer who had been earning $212,000 a year as a hospital executive before she took leave on Jan. 1, she delivers rousing 40-minute speeches—surveying topics as far-ranging as the specific failings of the federal No Child Left Behind education act and problems with the military strategy in Iraq—without the aid of even a notecard. NYT

Slain Timor rebel mourned

DILI—A THOUSAND MOURNers wept, wailed and sang hymns Thursday at the funeral of Alfredo Reinado, a renegade army major gunned down during an apparent bid to kill East Timor's top two leaders.

As security forces looked on, Reinado's gang, relatives and friends draped in black held a ceremony to bury the mutineer and a second rebel killed in the shootout that shocked the predominantly Catholic nation.

"Farewell hero, you may be gone but your spirit remains with us," read a banner in front of a slow-moving procession carrying coffins draped in East Timorese flags, to the rebel's former house in the sleepy seaside capital.

A crowd packed the ... outside, chanting "Viva! Viva!" as the bodies arrived.

About 40 security forces, mostly national police, provided tight security.

"No matter what people say, he was a good man and we came to see him off," said Horacio Carvalho, a 40-year-old who came to the funeral with friends.

Reinado and an unknown number of accomplices allegedly stormed the home of President Jose Ramos-Horta at dawn Monday, shooting him in the chest and back. AFP

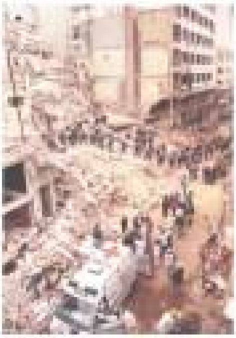
The WORLD

Bomb kills top Hezbollah commander

DAMASCUS, SYRIA—ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST wanted and elusive terrorists, Imad Mughniyeh, has been killed in a car bombing in Syria nearly 15 years after dropping from sight. The one-time Hezbollah security chief was the suspected mastermind of attacks that killed hundreds of Americans in Lebanon and of the brutal kidnappings of Westerners.

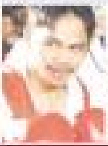


MUGHNIYEH



THE RUINS Buenos Aires Jewish Community center in this July 18, 1994 photo after a car bomb wrecked the building, killing 85 people. Israel believes Mughniyeh was involved in planning the attack.

Danish papers reprint controversial Prophet Muhammad cartoon



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Purefoods-Sta. Lucia title clash gets going

IF THIS WERE BOXING, THEN ITS ROUND 1 when Purefoods and Sta. Lucia, teams known for their bruising defense, slug it out at the start today of the Smart PBA Philippine Cup's best-of-seven title series at the Araneta Coliseum in Cubao.



JAMES YAP: "Unstoppable"

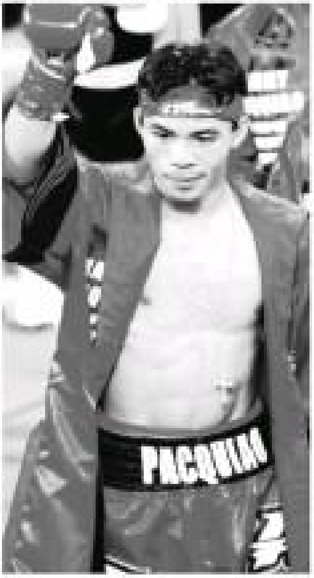


WILLIAMS: Rookie to watch

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Another record field up in Bacolod PAL Interclub

PSA elevates BEST Center to Hall of Fame



Pacquiao not distracted by bank swindle

Peping blasts POC foes' 'early politicking'



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PBA brass, Lorenzo in Scoop

Karate dignitary faces press

Pasay 4-cock derby today

P'foods-SLR title series on



Japanese tennis bets break ice

Milo Marathon Clark qualifying Sunday

Spurs dump Cavaliers as Manu shines



NBA aims for Europe expansion



George contract thwarts Kidd move

Joy, then despair for DQ'd Murakami



Sadorra tackles Russian; Gomez faces Armenian



Tsonga suffers first-round loss

CKSC, Xavier arrange title clash again

Full Metal Jacket enters President's Cup Regatta



SPORTS



VARSITY SPORTS

FEU booters, tossers rip foes

By Jasmine W. Payo

FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY CAME OUT victorious on all fronts in the UAAP Wednesday, highlighting the romp with key victories in volleyball and football.

Powered by its veterans, FEU swept Santo Tomas in playoff matches to clinch twice-to-beat semifinal bonuses in the men's and women's volleyball at the Blue Eagle Gym.

Edjet Mabbayad, seeking a second straight MVP plum, paced the offense with 12 points as the Tamaraws pounded out a straight-sets win over the Tigers, 25-14, 25-21, 25-18, to emerge as the top seed in the men's Final Four.

The defending champion Tamaraws will go up against the fourth-ranked University of the Philippines Maroons in the semifinals starting Sunday, while the Tigers and third-seed Adamson Falcons clash in the other pairing.

In women's action, FEU fought off a tougher challenge from UST before escaping with a 23-25, 25-19, 25-15, 25-20 victory to secure the remaining twice-to-beat semifinal bonus.

Rachel Ann Daquis slammed home 16 points as the Lady Tamaraws arranged another playoff against the Adamson Lady Falcons to determine the top two standings.

The winner then battles No. 4 Ateneo, while the loser must get past UST in the Final Four.

FEU also advanced to the finals of the men's and women's football competitions.

The Tamaraws and the Blue Eagles arranged a men's finals showdown after ending the eliminations on top with 6-1-2 records.

Poised to defend their crown were the Lady Tamaraws, who ruled the distaff side with a 5-1-2 card to secure the first Finals slot.

The La Salle Lady Archers grabbed the other football title berth as rookie Samantha Nierras delivered the game-winning goal in the 85th minute to eliminate rival Ateneo, 1-0, and finish with a second-best 4-3-1 card.

UE, meanwhile, continued to dominate women's softball, nailing a ninth straight win to wrap with an 11-3 rout of UST.

Defending champion Adamson blanked La Salle, 23-0, to keep second place at 8-1.

SSC, Benilde dominate NCAA beach volley

SAN SEBASTIAN AND ST. BENILDE CAPPED their unbeaten runs with a championship in the NCAA beach volleyball tournament.

The Lady Stags pair of Lou Ann Latigay and Margarita Pepito banked on their pin-point kills to bag the women's crown, while the Blazers tandem of Ver Malunes and Eddie Madcos asserted their might in the men's Finals recently at the La Salle Greenhills sand courts.

Latigay, named most valuable player, and Pepito easily crushed the St. Benilde duo of Hazel Cay and Girly Quemada, 21-16, 21-15, to complete a seven-game title sweep.

Mayette Bagui Gomeda won Coach of the Year after steering the Lady Stags back to the crown. They posted back-to-back championships in 2002 and 2003.

The Blazers' MVP Malunes and Madcos picked up their eighth straight victory by disposing of Letran's Eden Canlas and Winston Pinoon, 21-19, 21-19. Pedro Tapia earned the top coaching honors as the Blazers nailed their fifth men's championship in seven seasons.

In high school action, Letran's Kristian Penaso and Jasson Badiong whipped Perpetual Help's Niño Melendez and Sandy Montero, 21-18, 21-11, to grab the junior title.

The Squires also swept the individual citations with Penaso winning the MVP and Brian Ilagan named as Best Coach. Jasmine W. Payo



BUSINESS

Political concerns pull down RP stocks

Philippines bucks Asia markets trend

PHILIPPINE STOCKS STUCK out like a sore thumb against rising markets in the United States and Asia after falling in yesterday's trade.



Gov't borrowed much less in 2007



Management Association of the Philippines

The Philippines' Leading Management Association

14 February 2008

MAP STATEMENT ON GOOD GOVERNANCE

The Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) stands for good governance in all sectors of society, particularly in the government and the business sector. MAP has chosen "COUNTRY ABOVE SELF" for its theme for the past three consecutive years to emphasize the importance of patriotism in all our actions.

We are now compelled to speak out in the face of the frequency of corruption cases and scandals that have been growing in scope and intensity, to wit: the Jocjoc Bolante fertilizer scam, the General Garcia case, the Jose Pidal scandal, the Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, the North and South Rail projects, the Hello Garci tape, the reported shameless distribution of cash gifts in Malacanang Palace, the questionable procurement of DepEd textbooks, DND helicopters and BOC x-ray machines, the COMELEC MegaPacific computer deal, and now the scandalously overpriced NBN ZTE deal.

That these cases can happen in a bureaucracy that is supposedly protected and sometimes immobilized by an elaborate set of checks and balances indicates a serious breakdown in public governance, marked by either inability to execute or the outright unwillingness to perform what is expected of leaders and managers. The obvious consequences of this breakdown are the wide-scale wastage of scarce resources, the deterioration in the quality of public service, and the creeping apathy among public servants who initially try to do well but are eventually demoralized by the glaring contradictions in their leaders' behavior.

Corruption in public service is anti-poor. The public money that goes to private pockets could have otherwise been used to build schoolhouses, buy textbooks, and train the teachers of our public schools. They could have built hospitals and bought much needed medicines for the indigent patients. They could have upgraded the salaries and built homes for our soldiers, policemen, teachers, and government employees.

If corruption cases happened under our watch in our corporations, what would we do? As business leaders and managers, we would immediately order an impartial and thorough investigation, fire all those involved, and offer to resign for having failed in our duty to protect our company's assets and reputation.

Are we to tolerate a lesser standard for those who manage the affairs of government? Should the ethics of governance be less for government executives? Should not the same culture of compliance, transparency and accountability be embraced by our leaders in government? If there are no differences at all in the yardsticks by which government and private managers are measured, should not the leaders under whose watch all these shameless scandals occur offer to resign now?

If the President's men involved in abuse of authority and alleged anomalies refuse to heed the call for their resignation, should they not be removed from office by the President herself? If the President fails to act, can we conclude that she is either tolerating grave wrongdoings or is not in control? In either case, under the principle of command responsibility, would it be time for all of us to join in asking the President to step down?

We fully support Jun Lozada in his fight against corruption and trust that the Administration will provide him the protection he deserves and will command the government forces to cease the acts of harassment which he is currently experiencing.

We call on the Administration to rise above their personal self-interests and put "COUNTRY ABOVE SELF" by encouraging Secretary Romy Neri and providing him with the appropriate protection to appear before the Senate and to reveal all he knows to fully shed light on the ZTE issue.

We call on the military and the police to support the people and the Constitution, and not allow themselves to be used by those who continually violate the oath of public office and betray the people's trust for their personal aggrandizement.

We call on all religious leaders to finally speak out in thunderous language and condemn the moral degradation of our government bureaucracy, and we unequivocally join the Catholic bishops' call for "communal action" to regain our moral compass and, with it, our nation's dignity and self-respect.

The only thing necessary for evil to flourish is for good men and women to do nothing.

Aussie firm to mine gold in Didipio next year

By Ronnel W. Domingo

AUSTRALIAN MINER OCEANAGOLD Corp. expects to complete within the quarter a drilling program in Nueva Vizcaya, taking a step closer toward its goal of producing gold and copper by 2009 despite resistance from surrounding communities.

In a statement posted on its website, OceanaGold announced that, after nine months of drilling in the Didipio gold-copper deposit area, the area was found to contain a reserve of 12.98 million tons at 1.48 grams of gold per ton and 0.51 percent copper.

These findings make the Didipio deposit "one of the highest grade gold-copper porphyries in the world," the company said.

OceanaGold added that, based on current proven and probable reserves, Didipio has a 15-year mine life.

[illegible] added that by mid-2008, OceanaGold would start construction on the plant that can process 2.5 million tons yearly, including crushing, grinding and flotation.

Yesterday, [illegible] reported that [illegible] local communities had joined forces to resist demolition [illegible] to destroy more houses within the Didipio project site.

The villagers assailed the company for allegedly using force, deceit and intimidation in its bid to demolish houses of Didipio residents, despite the failure of negotiations on their supposed compensation.

[illegible] of OceanaGold was quoted as saying the company stopped negotiating with villagers because the prices they were quoting for their land kept going up.

Choice of words

Corporate Counsel

Lawyers' fees

Fortuitous event

NOTICE

Sgd.) RUDY B. CAÑA
Director
Project Evaluation and Registration Department

Gov't . . .

BIR goes after real estate firms

Draft circular to require firms to advance VAT payments

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BOOMING REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY has caught the attention of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which now plans to require developers to advance the payment of value-added tax on real estate sales.

Real estate firms currently pay the 12-percent VAT on the property once it is fully sold.

But under the BIR's proposed revenue regulation, real estate firms will be required to pay part of the VAT (2 percent) every year to help boost revenue collection.

If the property is paid in cash, the seller will be required to remit the 2-percent VAT on or before the 10th of the month following the sale.

The balance of the 12-percent VAT collection will be paid on the 20th.

Under the current practice, real estate firms are required to pay the entire 12-percent VAT on the 20th of the month following the sale.

If the customer is paying on installment, the property firms will be required to remit the 2-percent VAT on the installment payments every Jan. 10.

The balance will be forwarded to the BIR after the property is completely paid.

The BIR said the planned regulation would only cover real estate companies.

A one-time sale, such as the sale of a personal piece of property will not be covered by the proposed payment of advanced VAT.

The plan to require advanced payment of VAT was presented in a public hearing held at the BIR the other day.

Those who attended the public hearing included representatives from the real estate sector, including Ayala Land Inc., and other members of the Chamber of Real Estate Builders Association.

The BIR's plan was not well-received by industry players, which questioned the necessity of paying part of the VAT in advance.

The BIR said it would continue consulting with concerned parties to finalize the proposed regulation.

The BIR came up with the proposed regulation to take advantage of the booming real estate sector.

The National Economic and Development Authority earlier said the residential real estate sector grew 6 percent year-on-year last year, while construction grew 10 percent.

The BIR's plan to increase the collection of VAT from the real estate sector was prompted by its off-target tax collection last year.

In 2007, the BIR was tasked to collect [illegible] billion in taxes, but it turned in only [illegible] billion, falling short of its goal by [illegible] billion.

The tax collection shortfall last year forced the national government to aggressively sell state-owned assets to raise enough revenues to meet its expenditures for 2007.

DA open to lifting tariff on feed

By Amy R. Remo

AGRICULTURE Secretary Arthur C. Yap said he would look into the request of feed millers for the government to lift the tariff on feed ingredients.

"I have yet to study the request. I understand why they're asking for it but I have to first check the impact [of this move] on the local commodities market," Yap said.

On Jan. 28, the Philippine Association of Feed Millers Inc. requested the lifting of the tariff on soybeans, soybean meal, dried distillers grains soluble and tapioca residue pellet, which are used to make animal feed.

"With the global trend of increasing raw materials and its negative impact to our production costs, we believe that the reduction in tariff rate will provide economic relief to feed millers, livestock and poultry producers and other industry stakeholders, and, ultimately, the consumers," Fabian said in the letter.

Yap said that [illegible] he doesn't see any reason not to grant the request.

However, he pointed out that he needed to consult first with corn farmers, livestock and poultry raisers, as well as the Department of Finance to ensure that the move would be "revenue neutral."

For now, Yap said he doesn't see any particular industry that would be adversely affected by the proposed tariff cut.

He added that currently the tariff on these feed ingredients ranges from 3 to 5 percent.

The local feed millers use soybean and soybean meal, as ingredients for animal feeds, along with corn and other possible substitutes. However, prices of these feed ingredients have increased over the years, affecting the families and livestock industry.

As of last month, prices of feed ingredients such as corn went to as much as P13.50 a kilo from P10.50-P11 last year.

Prices of other ingredients, such as soybean, also increased to a 35-year high of P24 a kilo last year from P15 in late 2006. Feed wheat sells at P17.50 and coconut oil at P32.

Such concerns about 60 to 70 percent of the animal raisers' total costs.

PAFMI president Norman Fabian earlier said the rising costs of raw materials had been giving the feed-milling industry a hard time.

Fabian said the situation was difficult for the industry as it could not pass on to consumers the increase in the costs of raw materials.

Ayala Corp. posted 33% profit growth in '07

To sustain growth, ₱56B earmarked for capex

Transparency and victory

COMMENTARY

Participation in governance

Agriculture programs

Institutionalized transparency

MNTC asked to cut NLEX toll charges

Metrobank reports 27.5% increase in '07 net income

Political concerns pull down RP stocks

Security Bank net up 42.4%

Choice of words

Technical terms

DBP '07 income hits ₱4.72B

BUSINESS *Friday*

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino



REINVENT OR ... DIE

Asian ad agencies reinvent themselves



By Roger Pe

BEFORE THE ASIAN FINANCIAL meltdown in 1997, when marketers were generous and clients made ostentatious display of advertising wealth, such phrases like "paradigm shift," "consumer insight," "gut-feel," "brand persona" were often used.

The word reinvent, for example.

How some ad agencies are coping



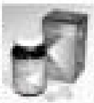
People, Events & Products

DOT features Mindanao at Travel Tour Expo '08

Netpoleon hosts partner's appreciation night



Fighting infections is easy with Ester-C



San Sebastian College alumni homecoming Feb. 16

Aidea CEO is innovation entrepreneur



PWU homecoming Feb. 16

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PCC homecoming Feb. 16

Find the right culinary education

Stateland welcomes the new (year)

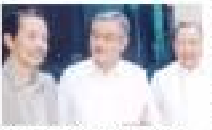
Discovering young artists via the phone directory







Acid test for young artists



Enduring partnership between business and schools

Catering to diverse fashion needs for 22 years

'Our marketing strategies revolve around what shape the culture of today's youth'

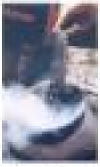


GOLDEN ABC CEO

FEATURES IN BRIEF

Sun offers Nokia handsets

Kapihan pays tribute to Filipino coffee farmers





The time to prepare for a crisis is before it happens

Asian ad agencies reinvent themselves

BUSINESS Friday



Brunei women entrepreneurs learn from RP SMEs

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS FROM BRUNEI are tapping their Filipina counterparts to jumpstart their export businesses following a learning tour here last year.

The time to prepare for a crisis is before it happens



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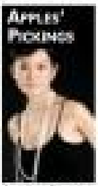



Effortless elegance by Eala

Simplicity of silhouette is the common thread that runs through his two new collections




Apples' Pickings



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

Creative director

Feminine, lyrical





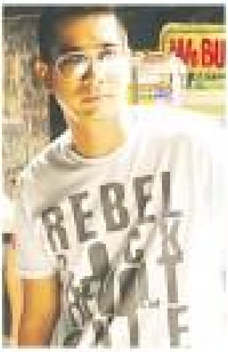




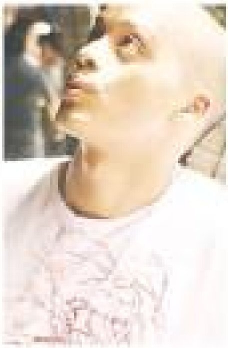








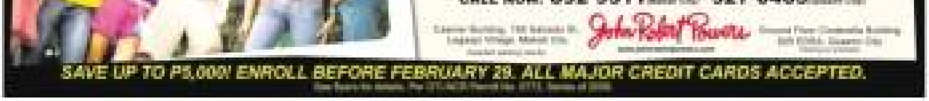
ON VIC, printed crew neck tee



The other side of Bamboo









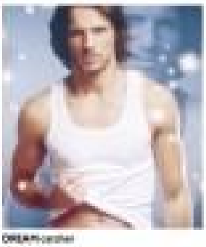
SLEEPING beauty

Undergarments promo

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FASHION



Student fashion show tonight at PICC



RED [illegible]



WHITE [illegible]

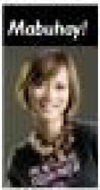
Fashion for the faithful



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Religioso recently opened its flagship store in Greenbelt 5 with a collection that fuses design, drama and detail

Mabuhay!



Jenni Epperson

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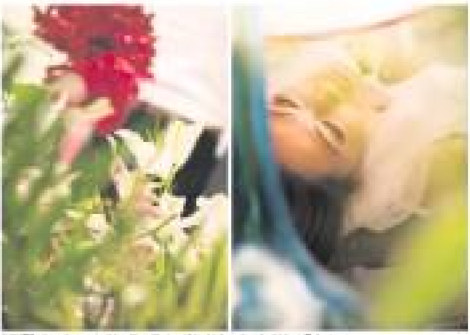
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V-NECK [illegible]



BLACK [illegible]



WHITE [illegible]



EMILIO PUCCI



VALENTINO

Splashes and prints

From page D4

■ Speaking of shoes, platforms are here to stay but they will now have to share the limelight with open-toe flats and gladiator sandals that sometimes reach up to the knees. Chunky heels are almost statements unto themselves.

■ Dominant prints are either floral-wallpaper-inspired or painterly in quality, the kind that brings to mind Jackson Pollock's random-looking splashes and splotches on a solid black or white canvas.

■ If you still can't bring yourself to wear a printed or brightly colored outfit, take Ingersoll's advice and limit the bold colors to your shoes and bags.

■ Another trend that's bound to be big this coming season, and which provides an ideal foil to all the shocking hues and huge prints out there, is the "Out of Africa" look consisting of practical belted outfits, shorts and tailored jackets in beige, brown and gray as well as tribal-inspired dresses in earth colors.

■ To tone down a rather mannish look, Ingersoll suggested spicing it up with open-toe sandals and chunky jewelry.

■ Graphic tops, including jackets and shells in such seemingly outlandish prints as stars and stripes, and in primary colors, will also be big.

■ For corporate meetings and power lunches, you won't go wrong with a smart yet soft tweed ensemble. You can add some punch to the look by wearing a vibrant-colored shell such as red, hot pink, orange and lemon yellow.

■ Denim pieces and metallic accessories (why are we not surprised?), including shoes, in their umpteenth reincarnation will still make heads turn.

■ The romantic look, in the form of soft fabrics, mixed silhouettes, huge bows, cabbage roses and fresh leaf motifs, is bound to occupy a substantial space in not a few fashionistas' wardrobes.

Indeed, except for a few key pieces, most of these looks don't usually sit well with Shakira, who has a penchant for showing off substantial skin and curves via black or faded form-fitting jeans, mini skirts and [illegible]-looking bra tops.

How did Ingersoll eventually convince her to give colors and feminine floral prints with [illegible] silhouettes a try?

"I simply explained to her what the show was all about while we walked around the venue, an Indian-inspired [illegible] and garden teeming with vibrant colors and textures," she said. "She completely understood the concept and had no qualms when she time came to wear the clothes. In fact, she loved them!"





CHLOE



KENZO



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Splashes and prints

Hearst Magazines' fashion and entertainment director Kirsten Ingersoll says it's probably time to give the little black dress a rest for now

Trends on the runway



KENZO

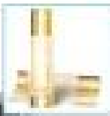
LifeStyle

BEAUTY



Fresh off the shelf

Here are some new must-haves for your kikay kit this 2008



GLOWFUSION natural tan



MAKE UP Forever Aqua Lip line

LANCOME eyeshadow

NEW SEASON, NEW YEAR, NEW products. That is how simple and exciting this time is for us beauty buffs. Here are some new must-haves for your kikay kit this 2008.

Lancome eyeshadow

Knockout!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

GlowFusion natural tan

Dilly Papillon

Aqua Lip



FOR THAT magical and ethereal look

A dramanobela by CARLO J. CAPARAS
To have and to hold
Art: ARNEL A. AVETRIA

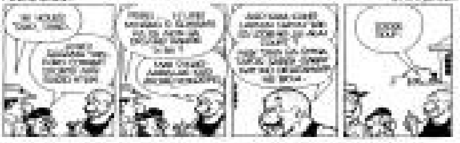


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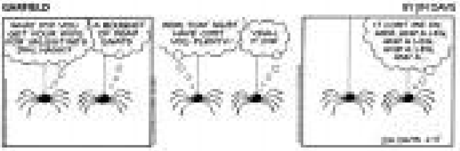
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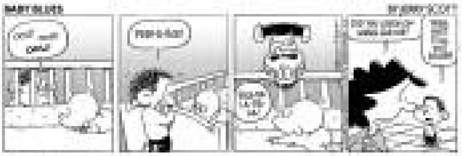
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GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



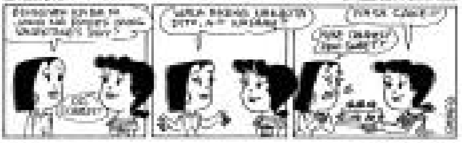
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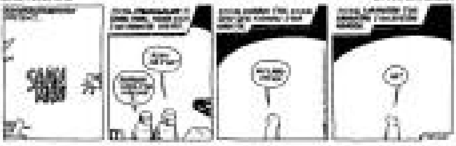
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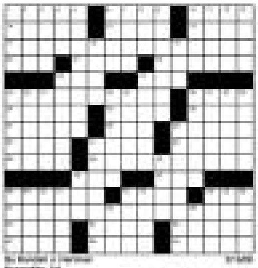
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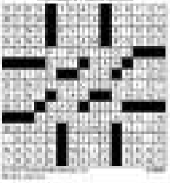
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DAILY CROSSWORD



Thursday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

Staying indoors for romance



Makeover 911
Kitty Salas

VALENTINE'S DAY may have just ended, but we all know it's the weekend after that counts most. For married couples it is all about waking up pretty for your significant other and smelling great to keep the romantic mood going. Let me share with you certain tactics that work for me.

Sleep well or sit back and re[illegible]

[illegible] apparently like the smell of lavender. It seems to calm them. Perhaps it has something to do with their being away from work and sports all day.

The point is, as long as they are calm, they are in a good mood and that goes for women, too, so both of you may cuddle up in a leisurely manner and savor every minute of it.

My secret is to find the most potent-scented lavender shower or bath gel I can lay my hands on. The lavender scent lingers in the bathroom for hours.

My top choices from [illegible] to mildest: [illegible]

[illegible]

Pretty without makeup

[illegible]



OLAY White Radiance Face Wash, Day Cream SPF 24 and Night Cream

LAVENDER BATH products: Crabtree & Evelyn, Brook & Ivy body buff, shower gel, milk and scrub, L'Occitane lavender sea rose geranium bath soak

[illegible]



THE FACE Shop Platinum toner, emulsion, luxury eye serum, essence, and night cream

[illegible]

Happy Valentine's weekend!

E-mail the author at [illegible]

More than just a moisturizer



HAWAIIAN TROPIC'S Royal Tanning Blend offers more than just moisturizing oil.

[illegible]

Luscious lips in a flash



BENCH INTRODUCES Pink Box Lip Plump & Shine, an ultra shiny lip gloss in flash-pink tint that makes lips appear smoother, fuller and healthier. Infused with marine collagen, this key ingredient not only increases lip volume but also helps reduce those unwanted lip lines.

[illegible]

Therapeutic massage gel



HD BODIMATE IS A GEL-like formula that contains essential ingredients like mineral oil, aloe vera, jojoba oil and vitamins.

[illegible]



MAX FACTOR cosmetics

Premium lip gloss, mascara

COVERGIRL INTRODUCES Outlast Double Lipshine, a breakthrough cosmetic that [illegible]

[illegible]



COVERGIRL's new Lash Blast Mascara and Outlast Double Lipshine

How to wear red lipstick

RED LIPS ARE A BEAUTY MUST in a season awash with vivid colors of love and romance.

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Goings On

Ladies' fair ongoing

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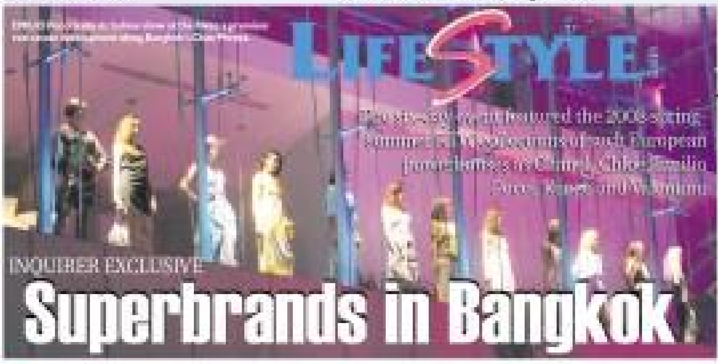


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Indonesian spa pampering in the mall

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LIFESTYLE

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

Superbrands in Bangkok

The six-day event featured the 2008 spring-summer collections of such European powerhouses as Chanel, Chloé, Emilio Pucci, Kenzo and Valentino

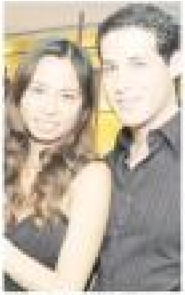
Text by Alya T. Vergara
Photos by Erik Armas

IN THE WORDS OF LEAD organizer Kriengsak "Ten" Uphijorn, senior managing director of the Emporium Shopping Complex, producing the first ever "Emporium World Fashion Showcase" in Bangkok was like putting several fierce and proud cats in one box and making sure they were all happy enough not to claw each other.

A first in Thailand, and perhaps the rest of Asia, the recently concluded six-day event dubbed by many as the high-end equivalent

SUPERBRANDS F3


LEO Po and Marielle C. Santos


DIVINE Lee and Adriano Carvalhaes


DERRICK Santos and Ria Romero


TINA Cuenca Tinio and Lex Ledesma


BEAUTIFUL couple Carmina Sanchez and Mike Jacob

Cupid's arrow: Some hookups, some breakups

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Alex Van Hagen using Kodak EasyShare

HEY, IT'S THE TIME of the year when our lovable, sometimes naughty, Cupid makes his grand entrance, dahlings. And since this month is all about love, I'll try and define what "love" is...

Getting the love machine on the roll, I'll start with one of my favorite personalities, super eye-catching Tessa Bragan, who definitely is not a drag, no gal, but a princess in the best sense of the word.

After ending her last but long distance love affair with New Zealand's Glen Henderson, who was based in Germany at the time, Tessa has found a new love. They started out "just friends" till Cupid aimed his arrow at them and hit a bull's eye. Her prince charming is tall, good-looking Mac Lubaczewski.

Another of Cupid's target was the divinely brilliant "Miss with the 4 Bs," Divine Lee. This working fashionista met her Latin lover after watching him model on the ramp, pakinggan.

It has since been almost a year that she met the divinely handsome Brazilian model Adriano Carvalhaes, and they are now a steadier than steady couple. In fact a little birdie told me that she plans of going to Brazil to meet Adriano's parents. Mel teasingly told her, "Beware, there are just too many handsome men there," to which she smiled and gave me a naughty wink.

Cupid also hit a bull's-eye in eye-catching woman of substance Tsay Ayson. After being a beautiful widow for a year, she had some of Cosmo Manila's naughty married men and eligible bachelors lining up to win her affection. Last year, only one of them stood out, the tres charmant businessman Ricky Lamel, pakinggan. And as of now "love is in the air," as the song goes.

Other beautiful people who are connecting, thanks to Cupid, are vivacious Carmina Sanchez, who had tons of eligibles vying for her love, but who is busy as a bee with her marketing and public relations consultancy job, and the one-of-a-kind Mike Jacob. He is with the Union Bank of Switzerland. They're a beautiful pair, dahlings.


TSAY Ayson


AMANDA Griffin


ANTHONY Kelmil and Patsy Cojuangco


MYLENE Forro and Neil Lagarde will be in full bloom in the month of flowers.

Then we have the super-sharpie Derrick Santos who almost lost his bachelorhood some time ago, but kept himself busy by dating gals around town. But he is now ready to say goodbye to being a heartache with his "true love," the vibrant businesswoman Ria Romero. She had also been close to saying "I do" with her last boyfriend, but that didn't happen. "And to think, Derrick and I have known each other for years as real good friends, and now, to discover each other this way," said a very happy Ria.

Ria as of now has opened her online business, Trinkets Shop. Check it out. Derrick is with Mangusta Securities, as a trader and head of sales.

Breaking up is hard to do

But Cupid's arrow also missed in some instances, pakinggan.

My adorable pakinggan, Celine Lopez, decided to end her three-year engagement with international businessman Marcel Crespo.

Then there's the gorgeous head-turner Wendy Papa who, after years of marriage to nice businessman Tony Perang, is finalizing their legal separation.

Once in love, Wendy gave up living in Manila to live with her husband in Shanghai where he worked. Homesick Wendy asked her husband to move to Manila, but after several months, Tony got a job offer to work and live back in Hong Kong. Somehow things didn't fall into place, which led to their breakup.

Another long time couple was Shu Uemura's brilliant young Tina Cuenca Tinio, who helped put this Japanese product up there among the best. She and workaholic, southern gentleman Alexander "Lex" Ledesma of Boracay's popular Nami resort had been on for years and years, and we all thought they were "the perfect couple." Till one day, with the sad awakening on the part of ... (my lips are sealed on this one, pakinggan), their relationship came to an end.


MAC Lubaczewski and Tessa Bragan


WENDY Papa

And so, as in everything in life, one must move on, dahlings.

Lopez just got back from London where she took up a short course in Furniture Design. Papa is traveling around Asia, concentrating on her swimwear business, and Tinio is in Singapore as the regional marketing operations manager of Shu Uemura.

Full cycle of love

With other lovers, Cupid made sure that they reach the full cycle of love.

All set to seal their romance with a wedding ring and a kiss are Cinderella's party Marielle Coronel Santos and Software Leo Po of Century Tuna. They will exchange "I do's" in exotic Ron Ritmhala, Makati, on March 30.

Then we have smart looker Patricia 'Patsy' Cojuangco, who will tie the knot with workaholic businessman Anthony Kelmil on May 3 at Santuario de San Antonio.

Next in line is adorable Mercedes "Mylene" Amando Forro, who will pledge true love to the ever dapper die-hard La Sallian, stock broker wizard Neil Lagarde, also in May. She will be wearing a gorgeous Inno Sotto bridal gown, pakinggan.

And on June 21, the stunningly gorgeous TV host, model and entrepreneur Amanda Griffin will end her happy singlehood, to become the wife of popular Hong Kong-based businessman David Jacob. Their wedding ceremony will take place in the romantic island of Bali, dahlings, and it's going to be a three-day celebration.

There you have it, pakinggan. Love is a merry-go-round. You win some, you lose some. Just remember there is always a tomorrow.

Happy Valentine's to you all, pakinggan.


VIVIENNE Tan





Superbrands in Bangkok





VALENTINO's evening purse



Fashion symposia

Reputable lineup

Missing pieces



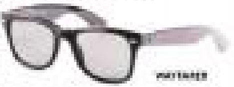


Fun, funky eyewear

RIPS, RIVETS AND LEATHER are predicted to go strong this year. Funky classics will be back, which means that 2008 is a Ray-Ban year.

With its cross-evolving lines like the Wayfarer and Aviators, Ray-Ban always makes a spectacular comeback. From Tom Cruise's Top Gun to Leonardo DiCaprio's Aviator, practically every Hollywood A-lister has heightened his or her star appeal with a trusty pair of Ray-Bans.

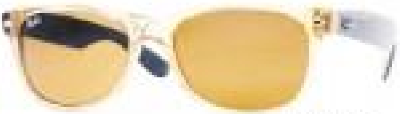
But one doesn't have to be a Hollywood star to find the Ray-Ban advantage. Just pick a pair now and feel that funky edge.



WAYFARER



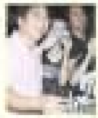
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LIVING Stars

Lita Rosario R. Velarde



More than a birthday

Willie Revillame's ... celebration party ... Party! Party!



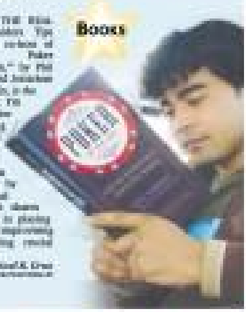
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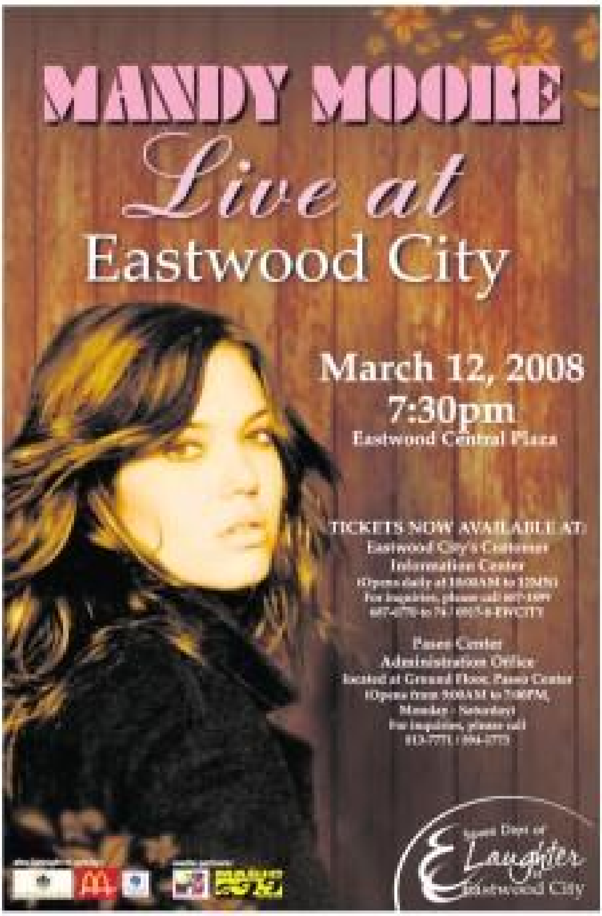
"GUIDELINES FOR Finding Your Way" by Harold J. Sala, is a very helpful book in my daily life. It's a constant source of insights whenever I'm feeling ... depressed or lonely. It's filled with different essays that uplift and inspire. It deals with ordinary things ... why should I feel negative, when there's so much joy in life? There are very practical tips that I use every day ... "Heaven approach for the Seasons of Life."

SID LUCERO



"POKER: THE REAL Deal: Insiders' Tips from the co-host of 'Celebrity Poker Showdown,'" by Phil Gordon and Jonathan Grotenstein, is the first book I'm reading after a long while. I like poker, and this book is helpful for professional players. It shares strategies in playing the game, improving and making crucial decisions.

Marissel R. Cruz





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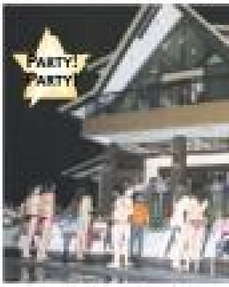
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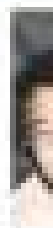
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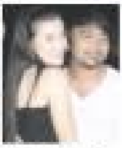
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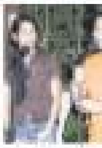




WITH Randy Santiago and Freddie M. Garcia.



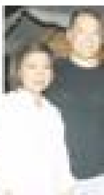
FORMER "Wowowee" host Jose Angeles and songwriter Lito Camo



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Confessions of a bag lady



PRECIOUS PRADA: Suzi rewards herself at times by buying bags that are not on sale.



BUT she has a price ceiling on shoes.

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Ryan Lim

OUT OF THE CLOSET

SUZI ENTRATA-ABRERA, mother of three and "Unang Hirit" host, is a bag lady.

BAGS

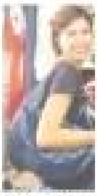
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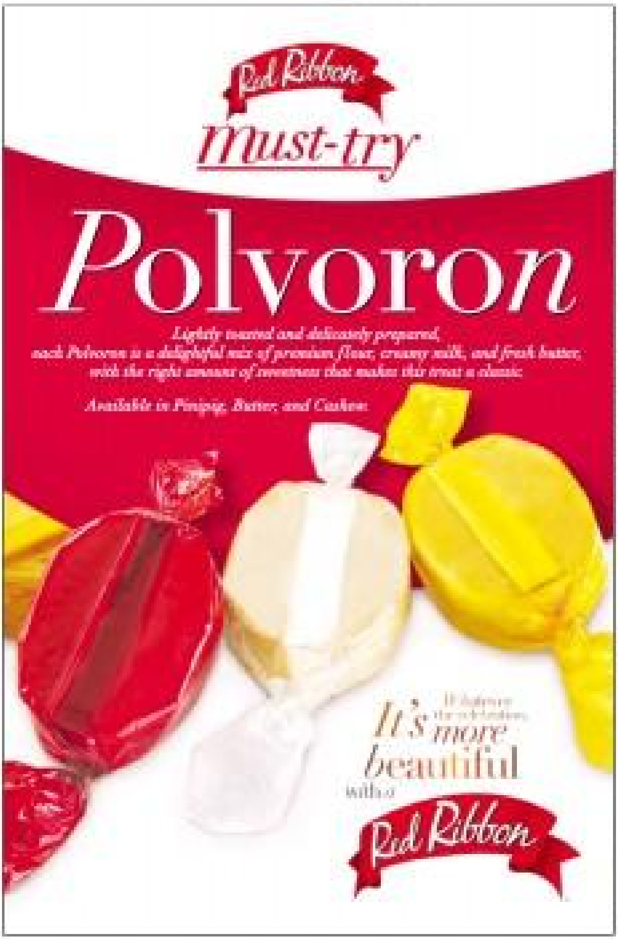
RED Zucchi bag with bamboo handles











ENTERTAINMENT



They're not pregnant

Ogie Alcasid on Regine Velasquez and their pet, the backlash of his protracted admission of their relationship, and his pending (?) divorce

CEBU CITY—SINGER-SONGwriter-TV host Ogie Alcasid, one of three judges in GMA 7's "Pinoy Idol," is fine being cast as the counterpart of "American Idol's" Paula Abdul.

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